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Applicant: Masaaki TERADA                      Conf.: 4777  
Appl. No.: 09/701,013                      Group: 1632  
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

January 23, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 23, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-29 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following claims:

--30. (new) A stable gene formulation lyophilized from an aqueous solution comprising:  
a) an atelocollagen;